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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to physician assistants; to amend section
- 2 71-1,107.16, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999; to
- 3 redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
- 4 the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-1,107.16, Revised Statutes
2 Supplement, 1999, is amended to read:

3 71-1,107.16. For purposes of sections 71-1,107.15 to
4 71-1,107.30, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) Approved program ~~shall mean~~ means a program for the
6 education of physician assistants which the board formally
7 approves;

8 (2) Board ~~shall mean~~ means the Board of Medicine and
9 Surgery;

10 (3) Department ~~shall mean~~ means the Department of Health
11 and Human Services Regulation and Licensure;

12 (4) Physician assistant ~~shall mean~~ means any person who
13 graduates from a program approved by the Commission on
14 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its
15 predecessor or successor agency and the board, who satisfactorily
16 completes a proficiency examination, and whom the board, with the
17 concurrence of the department, approves to perform medical services
18 under the supervision of a physician or group of physicians
19 approved by the board to supervise such assistant;

20 (5) Supervision ~~shall mean~~ means the ready availability
21 of the supervising physician for consultation and direction of the
22 activities of the physician assistant. Contact with the
23 supervising physician by telecommunication shall be sufficient to
24 show ready availability if the board finds that such contact is
25 sufficient to provide quality medical care. The level of
26 supervision may vary by geographic location as provided in section
27 71-1,107.17;

28 (6) Trainee ~~shall mean~~ means any person who is currently

1 enrolled in an approved program;

2 (7) Proficiency examination ~~shall mean~~ means the initial
3 proficiency examination approved by the board for the licensure of
4 physician assistants, including, but not limited to, the
5 examination administered by the National Commission on
6 Certification of Physician Assistants or other national
7 organization established for such purpose that is recognized by the
8 board;

9 (8) Supervising physician ~~shall mean~~ means a (a)
10 board-approved physician who utilizes an approved physician
11 assistant or (b) backup physician;

12 (9) Backup physician ~~shall mean~~ means a physician
13 designated by the supervising physician to ensure supervision of
14 the physician assistant in the supervising physician's absence. A
15 backup physician shall be subject to the same requirements imposed
16 upon the supervising physician when the backup physician is acting
17 as a supervising physician; and

18 (10) Committee ~~shall mean~~ means the Physician Assistant
19 Committee created in section 71-1,107.25.

20 Sec. 2. Original section 71-1,107.16, Revised Statutes
21 Supplement, 1999, is repealed.